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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

United States of America,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
Jose Gonzalo Ponce-Mendoza,  
Defendant.

No. 2:21-cr-00117-KJM

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United States of America,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
Jose Gonzalo Ponce-Mendoza,  
Defendant.

No. 2:21-cr-00127-JAM

**RELATED CASE ORDER**

Examination of the above-captioned actions reveals that they are related within the meaning of Local Rule 123(a). Both actions involve the same parties, are based on similar conduct and involve similar questions of fact. *See* Local Rule 123(a)(3). Accordingly, the assignment of these matters to the same judge is likely to effect a substantial savings of judicial effort and is likely to be convenient for the parties.

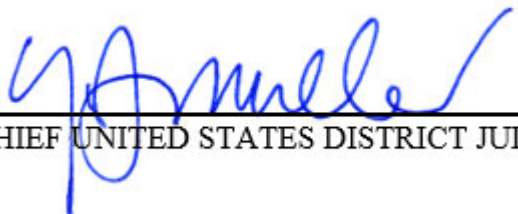
1 The parties should be aware that relating cases under Rule 123 causes the actions to be  
2 assigned to the same judge – it does not consolidate the actions. Under Rule 123, related cases  
3 are generally assigned to the judge whom the first filed action was assigned.

4 As a result, it is hereby ORDERED that 2:21-cr-00127 is reassigned from Judge John A.  
5 Mendez to the undersigned. Henceforth, the caption on documents filed in the reassigned case  
6 shall be shown as: 2:21-cr-00127-KJM.

7 It is further ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court make appropriate adjustment in the  
8 assignment of civil cases to compensate for this reassignment.

9 IT IS SO ORDERED.

10 DATED: July 7, 2021.

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13 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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